

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 641

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A RESOLUTION recognizing Lieutenant Jamie Summers, 2010-2011 LAMissTN Fireman of the Year.

WHEREAS, from time to time, the members of this General Assembly pause in their deliberations to specially recognize those Tennesseans who have dedicated themselves to the improvement of their communities, engendering positive and beneficial changes and improving and protecting the lives of those around them; and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Jamie Summers, a resident of Martin and a proud member of the Martin Fire Department, is one such intrepid individual. He was recently chosen as the 2010-2011 LAMissTN Fireman of the Year by the Louisiana-Mississippi-West Tennessee District of Kiwanis International, a fitting honor which recognizes his impact upon his community and the lives his efforts have saved; and

WHEREAS, a full-time member of the Martin Fire Department since 2000, Lieutenant Summers is an Emergency Medical Technician and a certified American Heart Association Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) Instructor who offered his time and his expertise to the Kiwanis Club of Martin, which sought to place Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) in every school in Weakley County; and

WHEREAS, each time an AED was purchased by the club for placement into one of the schools, Jamie Summers would hold a training session at that school, teaching the faculty and staff how to properly operate the AED and perform CPR, and personally install the AED in the school; and

WHEREAS, in addition, Lieutenant Summers dedicated countless hours at local festivals, pancake breakfasts, and civic club gatherings, raising public awareness about the importance of AEDs and requesting donations toward the purchase of more AEDs; and

WHEREAS, after a local teenager's life was saved using an AED in August of 2010, donations poured in, enabling the purchase of a unit for each Weakley County school, three portable units for use by sports teams, and four more units which were placed at local baseball and softball fields. Through the entire process, Jamie Summers installed the AEDs and led training sessions in their proper use; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of Bradford High School in Bradford, Tennessee, Jamie Summers earned a degree in Emergency Medical Technology from Jackson State Community College in 1996 and a degree in Advanced Emergency Medical Technology from Dyersburg State Community College in 2001; and

WHEREAS, possessed of a passion for community service, Lieutenant Summers became a volunteer firefighter with the Sharon Fire Department in 1992 and, after completing the required coursework, became a certified medical first responder; and

WHEREAS, Jamie Summers became a full-time firefighter with the City of Martin in January of 2000 and was promoted to Training Officer in 2008; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, Lieutenant Summers was chosen as Firefighter of the Year by the Sharon Fire Department and received the Director's Award for Firefighter of the Year in 2003, and Officer of the Year award in 2008, and was chosen as Weakley County's Favorite Firefighter in 2009; and

WHEREAS, Jamie Summers is a devoted member of the First Baptist Church in Sharon, which he has served for a number of years; and

WHEREAS, he is also devoted to his family, and he always endeavors to remain true to family values of the highest order. He is perhaps proudest of the love and support he shares with his wife, Angela, and their two children, Madison and Jonathan; and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Jamie Summers's remarkable success as a public servant is directly attributable to his reliance on the time-honored values of hard work and common sense and his uncommon ability to work well with people from all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Summers is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State," and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we commend and congratulate Lieutenant Jamie Summers upon being named as the LAMissTN District Firefighter of the Year, extending our gratitude for his tireless efforts in protecting the good people of Weakley County and our best wishes for his every future success and happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.